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SUBJECT: BELARUS MACHINERY; CRAWFORD ARREST

1. BEWT DIRECTOR OF USSR DIVISION HEISS CALLED SOVIET
DEPUTY TRADE REPRESENTATIVE NAZAROV JULY 3 TO SAY THAT
WE WANTED TO RESPOND TO TWO OF THE QUESTIONS THE SOVIET
SIDE HAD RAISED AT THE LAST BUSINESS FACILITATION
MEETING. SHE SAID THAT BECAUSE OF THE CRAWFORD CASE,
THIS IS NOT AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO DEAL WITH THE REQUEST
TO TRANSFER TWO PERSONNEL SLOTS FROM AMTORG TO THE
HEAD OFFICE OF BELARUS MACHINERY IN NEW YORK. FOR THE
SAME REASON, WE ARE ALSO DEFERRING CONSIDERATION OF THE
SOVIET REQUEST TO ALLOW THE BELARUS TECHNICIANS IN
MILWAUKEE TO USE UNCHAUFFERED CARS.

2. NAZAROV REPLIED THAT THIS NEWS WAS REGRETTABLE,
ESPECIALLY COMING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.
"SPEAKING UNOFFICIALLY," HE SAID, IT'S TOO BAD THAT THE
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US IS MIXING TRADE MATTERS WITH THE PERSONAL PROBLEMS
OF INDIVIDUALS. THE SOVIET SIDE CLEARLY HAS NOTHING
AGAINST INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER, HE SAID, AND THEY
ARE CONTINUING TO DO BUSINESS. VANCE

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